

5652. Adulteration and misbranding of purified wool fat. U. S. * * * v. 10 Crates * * * of * * * Purified Wool Fat. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released on bond. (F. & D. No. 7469. I. S. No. 614-L. S. No. E-629.)

On May 26, 1916, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 10 crates, each containing two cans of approximately 45 pounds each, of purified wool fat, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Brooklyn, N. Y., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about March 17, 1916, by the Hilton Chemical Co., Baltimore, Md., and transported from the State of Maryland into the State of New York, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part, "Purified Wool Fat Lord Baltimore Brand Lanum Anhydrous Neutral and Non-Irritating Ointment and Cream Base. Hilton Chemical Co., Incorporated, Baltimore, Md."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it was sold under a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopœia, but differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the test laid down in said United States Pharmacopœia, and for the further reason that its strength and purity fell below the professed standard and quality under which it was sold, in that it was sold as lanum, or purified wool fat, whereas, in truth and in fact, it contained 50 per cent petroleum products.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in substance for the reason that the statement appearing on the label, to wit, "Purified Wool Fat * * * Lanum," was false and misleading in that said product contained 50 per cent petroleum products, and for the further reason that it was an imitation of, and offered for sale under the name of, another article.

On July 27, 1916, the said Hilton Chemical Co., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel and consented to a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be released to said claimant upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$500, in conformity with section 10 of the act.

C. F. MARVIN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.